

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Rural): Was the officer who had got into service by giving a lower age benefited by it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): At the age of 25 there is the age bar. Suppose an officer who is actually 26 gives the age as 24 and gets into the service. It benefits him. The Hon'ble Member is presuming too much when he says that all the officers have given incorrect ages. If there is sufficient reason to believe that A, B or C has done that then we will take action.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Was any explanation called for from these people for the mistake committed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Why?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): The Government did not consider it necessary to call for explanations in these cases. As a matter of fact, the circular itself says that if anybody has committed a mistake he may correct it within one year.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഈ സർക്കുലർ അനുസരിച്ചു വയസ്സ് ന് പേർ മാത്രമേ കറക്ട് ചെയ്തതായി കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ. വേറെയും ജൂനിയർ സർവ്വീസിൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനറിയാമോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരൻ: ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് അറിവ്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പറുമാരെ വേറെ ആരെങ്കിലുമോ അങ്ങനെയുണ്ടെന്നു അറിയിച്ചാൽ അന്വേഷണം നടത്താം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇവിടത്തെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെക്കൊക്കെ കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിൽ പഠിച്ചവരായതുകൊണ്ടു അവരുടെ അഡ്മിഷൻ റജിസ്റ്റർ നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയരുതെ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): To get the admission registers of 20 or 30 years and then to check them with the entries in the service books is rather an impracticable proposition.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റിയെ വെയ്ക്കാൻ വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): No; No.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (Ezhuvas-Mukumdapuram): There is a resolution in the agenda.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ: ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ട്രഷ്യറിയിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്റെ വയസ്സ് തെറ്റാണെന്നു അറിയാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Not to my knowledge.

SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY

270. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu) Will Government be pleased to state whether the Shoranur Cochin Railway is the property of the Cochin State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): who is the owner of the rolling stock?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): The rolling stock is taken on hire. After the railway was changed from metre gage into broad gage it was thought that better for the Government to take the rolling stock on hire.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): In whom does the ownership of the property vest?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): The railway property, the railway line, all these are Government property.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): How many engines are owned by the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): As I said before all the rolling stock is the property of the South Indian Railway Co.

CASES OF SMUGGLING

271. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the number of cases of smuggling detected by the preventive staff of the Government in 1119 thus far;

(b) what is the quantity of food stuff involved in each of the detected cases;

(c) who are the individuals or agencies concerned in these cases;

(d) what has been done in the cases in (a)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) 171 as it stood on 17th March 1944.

(b) Please see list placed on the Council Table.

(c) Please see list placed on the Council Table.

(d) Please see list placed on the Council Table.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know why the answer is not printed with regard to (b), (c) and (d). Here it is said that the lists are placed on the table.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): That is a more convenient way of answering a question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): From the standpoint of the Government or from the standpoint of the Hon'ble Members who would like to put supplementary questions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): From the standpoint of everybody concerned. In such questions where there are voluminous lists it is always the practice. That is the parliamentary procedure in other councils also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): When is the list placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): An hour before the Council meets.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether it is the idea of the Government that Hon'ble Members of this House should be here if they are interested in putting supplementary questions one hour earlier than the usual time?

Mr. President: Order. Order. Papers placed on the table of the House are there for the benefit of the Hon'ble Members of the House, if the Hon'ble Members of the House wish to consult those papers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): In the light of that observation, my question was whether it is the idea of the Government in as much as papers are placed on the Council table one hour before the Council time that the Hon'ble Members interested in putting supplementary questions should be here one hour earlier.

Mr. President: That is a matter for the Hon'ble Members of the house to decide. Government have no intention one way or the other.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I suggest for the convenience of the Members that these answers wherever possible unless they are very long lists be printed in the book.

Mr. President: In this case the lists are much too long.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassa (*Vadakkancheri*): In the particular case, the lists are too long to be printed. Unless they are very long may I take it that the Government will be pleased to have the lists printed in the book itself.

Mr. President: I told the Hon'ble Member that in this case the lists are too long to be printed. There is nothing more to be said.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): In the light of that observation, I was asking the question whether.....

Mr. President: Order, order. My observation was that in this case the lists are too long to be printed. It gives a fair inference that where the lists are not too long to be printed they will be printed. Wherever they are too long to be printed they will not be printed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Has not, Sir, the attention of the Government been directed to a resolution passed in the business meeting of the recent National War Front Rally to the effect that in cases where these black-marketing things are seized by members of the public the price of those seized things must be given as a present to those who seized the property. Has that resolution been placed before the attention of the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): A suggestion has been received. It is being considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): May I know the date of the National War Front Rally? Was it not about four months ago?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I don't know.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether the Excise, Police and Revenue subordinate officers who detect such smuggling are being given a higher rate of reward than is ordinarily given under the departmental rules.

Khan Sahib Y. Mohammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): These departmental rewards are token rewards. They are not a sort of remuneration for work done which they are bound to do.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether the Government be pleased to consider the question of giving them at least half the value of the captured articles?

Khan Sahib Y. Mohammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): So far as the Police Department is concerned it won't be possible or desirable at all to enter into a contract with the subordinate officers in the matter of this detection work on a commission basis.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Has not the resolution passed at the business meeting of the National War Front Rally to which I referred gone anywhere higher than the Food Supplies Commissioner?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Is the Food Supplies Commissioner in a position to say that that particular resolution which was passed in the business meeting of the National War Front Rally has received his attention?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes. But it is not possible to allow anybody who seize the contraband articles to appropriate the entire article or the value of it. The question that we consider is whether any reward can be given in such cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Am I right in thinking that this decision of the Food Supplies Director was come to independently by himself without referring to any other quarters above him?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): For that you want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Sir, I have not yet received any reply about the other departments, the Revenue as well as the Excise, whether they will be given any rewards.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): In the Excise Department there is a system of rewards but it is not on the basis of the cost of the article secured. In the Revenue Department there is no such system at all.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Cannot such systems be introduced in these Departments also.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, it is a very novel suggestion.

Mr. President: And a very dangerous practice too.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Now the difficulty is that bigger consignments are going out.

Mr. President: It is a question of choice between two evils. We don't want to encourage blackmail.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether with regard to item No. 31 "referred as false" any action has been taken against the person who was responsible for the detection which has ultimately ended as "referred as false".

Khan Sahib Y. Mohammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): No action was taken.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): With regard to the other 8 or 9 cases referred no action has been taken?

Khan Sahib Y. Mohammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): These were referred as mistake of fact. The Excise Staff were under the mistaken impression that an offence was involved. The police investigation disclosed that no offence was involved. If action is to be taken we must have proof, oral or recorded, to prove that it was false. For departmental purposes it is enough if we are satisfied that it is a false case.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Was not this point of encouraging members of the public in their detection duty raised in our Food Advisory Committee?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I would request the Hon'ble Member not to discuss here the proceedings of the Food Advisory Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Is it the position of the Government that they refuse to give any information regarding the proceedings of the Food Advisory Council?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): It is not a question of refusal to give information. It will not be advisable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): These Advisory Committees devote their time for work which is sure not to bear fruit. Is that the position of the Government.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): That does not follow.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): Am I to take it that the Proceedings of the Advisory Committee are confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): What if the members themselves publish it in papers. How can the Government prevent it?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): We expect that they have got a sense of responsibility and that they will not do such things.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): Is not the responsibility higher in this Council than in this Puisne Advisory Council?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): That comparison does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): It does arise.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE—PENSIONERS

272. Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Will Government be pleased to state whether.—

(a) they are aware of the temporary increase with effect from 1st November 1943 of the pensions paid to civil pensioners of the Madras Government including Local Fund employees under the C. S. R. and;

(b) the Government will sympathetically consider the question of paying dearness allowance to pensioners in the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government):

(a) Yes.

(b) Pensioners are given dearness allowance.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): May I know the basis upon which the present dearness allowance is granted.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government): Just half of the dearness allowance given to the people in service.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Should it not be the other way. They are getting half of what they used to get.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government): That is why they are given dearness allowance at half the rates given to those in service.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Should it not be enhanced?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government): It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Is there any chance of the present rate of dearness allowance being enhanced?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government): No.

ISOLATION SHED—TREATMENT OF SMALL POX PATIENTS

273. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) എറണാകുളത്തും പരിസരങ്ങളിലും ഉള്ള മസൂരി രോഗികളെ ചികിത്സിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന്നു ഐസൊലേഷൻ ഷെഡ്ഡുകൾ എത്രയുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) കാരോന്നിലും എത്ര രോഗികളെ കിടത്തി ചികിത്സിക്കുവാനുള്ള സൗകര്യമുണ്ടു്;

(സി) അവിടെ ഡോക്ടർമാരോ വൈദ്യന്മാരോ ഉണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആരെല്ലാം;

(ഇ) പ്രസ്തുത ഷെഡ്ഡുകളിൽ ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ ധനു, മകരം ഈ മാസങ്ങളിൽ എത്ര രോഗികളെ ചികിത്സിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(എഫ്) അതിൽ എത്രപേർ സുഖപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) മസൂരി രോഗികളെ ചികിത്സിപ്പാൻ ഒരു ഐസൊലേഷൻ ഹോസ്പിറ്റൽ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഈ ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ രണ്ടു സ്ഥിരം കെട്ടിടങ്ങളും ഒരു താല്ക്കാലിക കെട്ടിടവും ഉണ്ടു്. ഒരു താല്ക്കാലിക കെട്ടിടവും കൂടി ഇപ്പോൾ കെട്ടിവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.